

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : To Be Determined                      Confirmation No.: To Be Determined  
Applicant : Matti HÄMÄLÄINEN et al.  
Filed : February 17, 2004  
TC/A.U. : To Be Determined  
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Title : A METHOD FOR THE REDUCTION OF NICKEL FROM AN  
AQUEOUS SOLUTION

Docket No. : 6009-4624US1  
Customer No. : 27123

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.